

KING ALFONSO OF SPAIN.



The young monarch is now looking for a wife, and it is said he has decided upon Princess Victoria Patricia of Connaught, a niece of King Edward.

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE. SPREAD OF TUBERCULOSIS.

With English a Person Can Make His Way About Any of the World's Beaten Tracks.

English is to-day what French was in the eighteenth century and Latin in the middle ages, the language chosen by common consent for intercommunication between statesmen, savants and fashionable and literary persons of different nations, says the San Francisco Bulletin. With English one can make his way conveniently along any of the beaten tracks in Europe. More people now speak English than their vernacular than speak any other European tongue.

A sign of the growth in importance of the English tongue in the recent action of the school authorities of the German government in making English an optional study in the public schools of Saxony. This action was induced by a petition addressed to the government by the Dresden Schoolmasters' association. The petition was an excellent syllabus of the arguments in favor of English as a subject for study in the German public schools. A portion of it was as follows:

1. English is the most widely used civilized language in the world.
2. It is the most important language for Germany's international trade relations. In Dresden especially the knowledge of English is of great advantage to shopkeepers and commercial men, owing to the important Anglo-American colony there.

3. English deserves preference over French on account of its literature, which (a) excels that of France both from the artistic and moral point of view; (b) appeals more nearly to our sentiment and understanding as that of a Germanic people; (c) has played a prominent part in the development of our own literature.

4. English is not inferior to French in educational value.
5. In the teaching of English the readily learned grammatical forms of the language enable the time allotted to its study to be spent in attaining the most important object in teaching a foreign language—the power of its free use in speech and writing. This is not possible in the case of French, owing to the difficulty of its grammar.

It is only within recent times that English has been taught carefully even in England and American schools. The old theory was that a student learned English best by reading the Latin and Greek authors. While the benefits of a knowledge of Latin and Greek are very great and certainly assist in acquiring the accomplishment of using English correctly and elegantly, the close attention now given to English in our own schools will improve the average quality of English composition.

We scarcely appreciate what a treasure we possess in our English tongue. The vocabulary of English has been enriched by plunder from every land and every language. It is a flexible tongue, adaptable to any idea, and a tongue which welcomes accessions when those are necessary. It is not by its intrinsic virtue, however, that the English language is spreading and is becoming the cosmopolitan medium of communication, but rather by the increasing importance of the people that speak English. The British and the Americans control a large portion of the world's trade. Their influence is felt everywhere. They sell to everybody and everybody wishes to sell to them. Verily, the English language has come forward since the time when Bacon, despairing of the perpetuity of the English tongue, translated some of his works into Latin.

Preparing for Trouble.
"It's come for to ask for a permit to carry a concealed weapon," said the shabby faced caller at the police station. "Want to carry a pistol?" asked the captain.

"No, sah, jist a razor, sah."
"What do you want to carry a razor for?"
"Well, I've been delegated to pass de contribution box in our church, sah!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Want 50,000 Bee Stings.
A new apilary product comes to light by the receipt of an order by a New York bee raiser from a Philadelphia firm of chemists for 50,000 bee stings. The acid which the poison sack of the stings contain is said to be valuable in the manufacture of a remedy for rheumatism.

Use Little Soap.
The only soap which the Hindoos of the orthodox type employ is made entirely of vegetable products. But soap is little used in India, being almost an unknown luxury with the natives.

Public Houses and Their Servants Said to Be Common Carriers of Disease in England.

That the public house is a fruitful source of infection by the tubercle bacillus is well known, and the returns of the English registrar general show that public house servants are specially prone to the affected by pulmonary tuberculosis. This, states London Lancet, is not to be wondered at when we consider that the floor of the lower class of public house is covered with sawdust which in great measure is impregnated with sputum. This dust dries and is constantly being stirred up by the feet of drinkers. Not only are barmen and barmalads and the customers of the house thus exposed to infection, but the unhappy children who are brought into the house by their mothers are likewise in danger. The public house is the poor woman's club where she can discuss with her neighbors social and domestic incidents; the children cannot be left at home, and so they sit on the public house floor during their mother's gossip time. Only the other day, passing a large public house in one of the main thoroughfares of St. Luke's, we noticed through the open door of a public bar several stately women drinking at the counter, while crawling on the floor of the bar and rubbing their hands in the sawdust with which it was strewn were two babies of from 18 to 24 months old. That this is not an uncommon occurrence those who have accosted to visit poor and squalid neighborhoods well know, and in the light of such facts it is to be wondered that the race is said to be degenerating or that medical science should have such a hard up-hill fight with disease? Granting that these children, probably the offspring of degenerate beings, become infected with the bacillus of tubercle, the environment in which they live will necessarily be a patent factor in the development of pulmonary tuberculosis, and not only will they themselves suffer, but they will also involve the public in great expense for their subsequent treatment and keep. Recently a law has been passed to prevent children under a certain age from obtaining intoxicants, and there is legislation for the prevention of cruelty to children, but as yet there is no law to prevent ignorant mothers from leaving their offspring to play on the diseased floor of a public house. Efforts are being made to inculcate the precepts of hygiene at an early age, and many publicans, notably those in the borough of Woolwich, post up notices requesting their customers not to spit. But until spitting on the floor of a tavern is made a penal offence, as it is at present to spit in a tramcar, there is but little hope of amelioration.

Studied His People.
Lord Curzon would never have made such a brilliantly successful viceroy had he not previously penetrated behind the veil which conceals the tortuous workings of the subtle Asiatic mind from Europeans. This insight cannot be acquired from books, nor does it go hand-in-hand with linguistic attainments, however thorough. There must be personal research and personal touch, not with one Asiatic nationality alone, but with several. Lord Curzon traveled far and wide in Asia, his mind always on the alert to catch characteristics of any people with whom he came into contact.—London Graphic.

New Warships for France.
The French government will lay down 33 new vessels this year, consisting of one armored cruiser, four torpedo vessels, and eight submarines, to be built in the various government dockyards, whilst 20 other submarines will be built by private firms.

The Difference.
Diplomat—Why do the Chinese call us "foreign devils?"
Escaped Missionary—To distinguish us from the domestic variety.—Detroit Free Press.

Atlantic Fogs.
The captain of a big Atlantic liner, after many calculations, has come to the conclusion that the general fog in the Atlantic is about 30 miles in diameter.

Presents to Parents.
A Japanese bride gives her wedding presents to her parents as a slight recompense for the trouble they have had in rearing her.

Army Corn Doctor.
Nearly every corps in the German army has a corn doctor in its ranks.

RATTLERS MILKED THE COW.

Vermont Farmer Makes a Discovery Which Surprised Him and His Neighbors as Well.

Simoon Johnson, a farmer of Tyson, Vt., made a discovery recently which so surprised him that he has spread the marvelous tale from one end of the county to the other.

For several months Sim has known that some one or something has been stealing milk from his pet Jersey cow. His good wife told him that the Jersey had simply dried up and that he was "afflicted with a spell of imagination." Sim, however, declared that he knew that he knew, and sat up nights to discover the thief. But he saw no invaders, and the more sleep he lost the madder he got.

The Jersey was one of a herd of 20, and as her milk was richer than that of the others the supply was saved for family use. She was quartered in a stall at the end of the cow stable and until three months ago gave four quarts morning and night. Then she suddenly cut down her morning quota to little or nothing. Sim would have agreed with his wife if Bess hadn't furnished the usual amount at night and seemed ravenously hungry.

It made no difference whether Sim watched or not; the milk was always gone in the morning, although it was several times established that at midnight the supply was normal. It was this fact more than anything else that bothered Sim and gave him creepy and uncanny sensations when he kept his vigils by the dim, uncertain light of an old kerosene lantern. He couldn't figure out why Bess should not give milk in the morning when there was plenty at midnight, or why she should be well supplied at night and not at the early milking.

"I don't believe there is anything milkin' that cow," said Mrs. Johnson one day recently, "but if there is it crawls, and you won't catch it unless you clean out the bedding so you can see the stall floor."

Sim allowed there might be something in this, and so he swept out the stall and made Bess lie on the planks instead of on a fine bed of clean straw. About nine o'clock he got his lantern and once more took up his post of vigil. He had been to doze when he heard Bess shift her position, and he held up the light. He was just in time to see a long, glistening, sinuous form slip from under the side of the reclining cow and glide down a rat-hole in the corner of the stall. At the same time he heard a familiar sound that caused his hair to stand on end.

"Rattlesnakes," he gurgled, and grabbed a pitchfork.

Bess jumped to her feet and moaned contentedly as the farmer advanced cautiously and began a careful investigation. There was but one rat-hole. This led to a pile of rocks under the barn, and Sim retired to the house. In the morning, with the help of the hired man, the rocks were removed, and five rattlers, each three times its natural size, were killed. According to the number of rattles, all but one was young, but exceedingly large and fat.—N. Y. World.

CALF FEEDING MADE EASY.

A Device Which Enabled Its Inventor to Do This Work Without Soiling His Clothes.

You have probably fallen often from grace in feeding that irrepressible calf, either with the spume or froth with which he lathered your face or ruined a good suit of clothes. I have devised a little plan which enables me to feed a calf and still remain out of his reach. Cut a hole in the wall between the calf pen and feeding alley. Build a braced shelf, as shown in the cut. Hinge one edge of it to one side of the opening, as shown at a. This shelf may be swung in to the feeding alley and the bucket placed on the shelf, secured by rope and swung out into the calf pen, where it may be readily fastened with a hook. When the calf is moved a button presents the calf from getting his head out through the opening.—R. M. Winthrop, in Farm and Home.

STOCK AND DAIRY NOTES.

The portable hog house is coming into very general favor, especially in disease infested districts. Cottonseed meal should not be fed to cows in large quantities, as it injures the butter if largely fed and may injure the cow. Sweet cream butter is coming much into use in this country. This kind of butter is not made, as might be supposed from the name, from cream from sweet milk, but is generally made of ripened cream. It is called sweet because it is not salted. A cow must be a very poor milkster to respond to good feed and good care. Good feeding can greatly increase the milk-producing powers of the cows we have, but only to the limit of their natural capacity. Many of our cows are being fed so unscientifically that they have never been brought up to their full capacity.—Farmers' Review.

THE MARKETS.

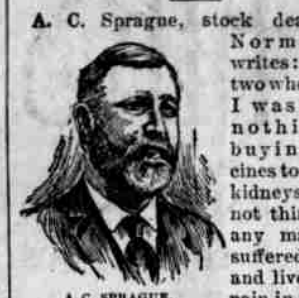
NEW YORK, Aug. 22.
CATTLE—Native Steers... 4.25 @ 5.00
COTTON—Middling... 12.00 @ 12.50
FLOUR—Winter Wheat... 4.75 @ 5.25
WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 1.15 @ 1.25
CORN—No. 2... 50 @ 55
OATS—No. 2... 30 @ 35
PORK—Mess (new)... 12.50 @ 13.00
LARD—Western Steam... 10.00 @ 10.50
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COTTON—Middling... 12.00 @ 12.50
BEEF—Steers... 4.00 @ 4.50
COWS and Heifers... 3.50 @ 4.00
CALVES—per 100 lbs... 4.50 @ 5.00
HOGS—Fair to Choice... 5.00 @ 5.25
SHEEP—Fair to Choice... 3.25 @ 3.75
FLOUR—Patent... 5.00 @ 5.25
Other Grades... 4.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red (new)... 1.13 @ 1.14
CORN—No. 2... 50 @ 54
OATS—No. 2... 30 @ 34
RYE—No. 2... 24 @ 26
WOOL—Tub Washed... 21 @ 22
HAY—Clear Timothy... 9.00 @ 12.00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy... 12 @ 15
EGGS—Fresh... 16 @ 18
LARD—Choice Steam... 10 @ 12
PORK—Standard (Mess... 11 @ 12

Some Wonders of Chemistry.
The man who turned a pair of old boots into jelly, recently, is not a magician, but a chemist, and the same may be said of the man who converted some old skirts into glucose. Another chemist says that you may write a letter to your friend with a pen made from an old copper coffee pot, on paper made out of some of your old collars. A physician says that from the sewage of New York may be made, every year, as much artificial milk as would be given by 100,000 cows. The waste soapuds from woolen factories, which used to pollute rivers, is now converted into pressed bricks, from which comes illuminating gas. These are only a few of the fantastic adaptations which the chemists are making every day.—Agricultural Epitome.

Drying Fruit in Kitchen.
An excellent way to dry fruit is to make a tray about four by six feet, and suspend from kitchen ceiling. Fruit dried in this manner is cleaner and lighter colored than sun-dried fruit. And it requires no moving out and in every time it rains.—L. E. Gulker, in Orange Judd Farmer.

TORTURING PAIN.

Half This Man's Sufferings Would Have Killed Many a Person, But Doan's Cured Him.



A. C. Sprague, stock dealer, of Normal, Ill., writes: "For two whole years I was doing nothing but buying medicines to cure my kidneys. I do not think that any man ever suffered as I did and lived. The pain in my back was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I could not ride a horse, and sometimes was unable even to ride in a car. My condition was critical when I sent for Doan's Kidney Pills. I used three boxes and they cured me. Now I can go anywhere and do as much as anybody. I sleep well and feel no discomfort at all."

A TRIAL FREE—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents.

Paul Revere's Copper Bolts.
At the annual dinner of the Paul Revere association Mr. Benjamin F. Stevens gave an address, in which he spoke of the connection of Paul Revere with the building of the frigate Constitution. He spoke of the fine work done by Revere, and the secret process that he had for tempering copper, so that it could be drawn into bolts, and by which he secured the contract for supplying the bolts and metal work for the vessel.—Boston Transcript.

Styles for the New Year.

The circular skirt still retains its vogue, although many of the models are greatly narrowed. Cloth and corded silk and drape d'ete, or double-faced cashmere and moire, will be very fashionably combined next season.

The small pad bustle is now worn with the latest styles and evening gowns are announced.—Chicago Record.

He Wondered.

"I wonder," mused the Cohan philosopher, "when bicycles, motor-cycles, electric carriages and the like have entirely superseded the horse, what the man who habitually kicks his horse in the stomach will do to relieve his feelings. Will he kick his mechanical contrivances, or vent his anger in abusing his wife, or will he learn to control his miserable temper and become an ornament to the community?"—Judge.

He Was Much Astonished.

A stranger in Jacksonville the other day was much attracted by a street covered with palmetto fiber. He looked up and down it intently, took some of the stuff in his hand, and exclaimed: "Well, I saw. First town I ever saw in my life where they pave the streets with whisks."—Florida Times-Union.

A Good Excuse.

"Bridget, how did it happen that when we came in last night after the theater there was a policeman in the kitchen?"
"Sure, mum, Oi don't know; but Oi think the theater didn't last as long as usual."—Figaro.

Knew His Weakness.

Red Ruble—What's th' sheriff keepin' sech a close eye on Broncho Mike fer?
Cayuse Cal—Oh! Mike drew a p'ar 't' spurs as his gift off'n th' Chris'mus tree at Red Dog chapel, an' nacherally, he'll feel oneddy on't he steals a hoss 't' go with 'em.—Puck.

Science in Physiognomy.

He—There are many strong lines on his face.
She—Yes; he is either a man of great strength of character, or else he is disappointed very heavily.—Up To Date.

The Precious Innocent.

He—Do you think there is really any danger in kissing?
She—Wait till I go on the stairs and listen to find out whether papa is asleep or not.—Pearson's Weekly.

Oh, Those Girls!

Miss Westlake—I really believe George Benwood is weak-minded.
Miss Cutting—Why, dear, has he been making love to you?—Cleveland Leader.

Could See Its Finish.

Bride—Counting your change, George? It has been an expensive trip, hasn't it?
George—That's right. It looks as if this honeymoon would soon be on its last quarter.—Puck.

EASY FOR THE DRUGGIST.

A Letter of Recommendation That Was Taken for a Prescription for Cough Medicine.

A young man being out of employment recently requested a former employer to give him a letter of recommendation to aid him in securing a situation. The letter was written and handed to the applicant, who was quite unable to read it, as was every person to whom it was shown. He was advised to take it to a printing office, where it could be deciphered, as compositors are noted for being able to make out the worst specimens of writing, relates London Tit-Bits.

It was handed to compositors in various offices, and in turn given up without being deciphered.

As a forlorn hope it was taken to a chemist, who, from his long experience in deciphering prescriptions, had the reputation of being able to read anything.

The man of drugs took the paper, gazed at it long and thoughtfully, and then seized an empty quart bottle and hurried round the shop, taking some fluids from sundry bottles, and finally shaking the compound vigorously. Then, handing it to the owner of the letter, he remarked to that astonished individual:

"Two shillings; and a very good cough mixture it is!"

Force of Habit.

"Herbert has been running an auto so long that he had forgotten all about horseback riding."
"What did he do when the horse bled?"
"He crawled under it to see what was the matter!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

And the "Athletic Girl" whose vigor is the vigor of man, who invades his smoking room, his billiard room, shares with him the whisky decanter and the cigarette box and will not even let him have his tailor to himself—she is not likely to keep her influence over him for long.—Boudoir.

Shouting Their Praises.

Friarpoint, Miss., Aug. 22 (Special).—Cured of Bladder and Kidney Trouble after 20 years of suffering, Rev. H. H. Hatch, of this place, is telling the public the good news and shouting the praises of the remedy that cured him—Dodd's Kidney Pills. Rev. Mr. Hatch says:

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Lost Anyway.

The Prima Donna—Why don't you give the part to my daughter? She sings beautifully. She has inherited my voice.
Manager Conn—That so? I've often wondered what become of your voice.—Chicago Journal.

For Your Perfect Comfort.

At the St. Louis Exposition, which is very severe upon the feet, remember to take along a box of Allen's Foot-Powder. It cures Hot Feet, Itching, Swollen Feet. Sold by all druggists, 25c. Don't accept a substitute.

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In the important matter of the arrangement of his bones, the swordfish shows a great improvement on the shad.—Boston Globe.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

It's easy for an editor to drop into poetry; all he has to do is to drop in his waste basket.—Chicago Daily News.

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